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FROM ROBERT CARTER NICHOLAS, ESQ. ¹

WILLIAMSBURG 23d. Jany. 1756

DEAR SIR.

I was favour'd with yr. Letter some Time ago, but knew of no Opportunity of answering it sooner than by Capt. Mercer, as, upon Enquiry, I have not been able to hear any Thing of Jenkins. ² The Snuff Box was properly return'd, & I took the Liberty of communicating the extatick Paragraph of your Letter; what Blushes & Confusion it occasioned I shall leave you to guess. It is with no small Concern that I hear of Your being impeded in the Enterprize you've Undertaken by Pretensions that appear to me groundless & unreasonable; but I hope Matters will be soon accomodated to your Liking. There is a Ship lately arrived from England, which brings Nothing worth mentioning, except His Majesty's Speech & the Addresses of both Houses; the former of which breaths such paternal Tenderness for the Subject, & the Latter are fill'd with such Expressions of Loyalty & Confidence that our Enemies can have no Room to hope for Success from the much wished for Disunion of Sentiments in the King & People, but rather I hope have just Reason to dread the Resentment of a British Parliament I heartily wish you a more succesful Campaign than you have hitherto met with & I should at all Times be glad to hear of yr. Welfare being truly

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Yr. affte. hble Sert. ROBT. CARTER NICHOLAS Mrs Nicholas's best wishes attend you.

1 Robert Carter Nicholas, Esq., was chosen treasurer in 1766 to succeed John Robinson, Esq., and served until after 1775.—TONER.

2 Jenkins appears to have been regularly employed as an express.